MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): We are now adopting the tariff value for statistical purposes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the figures relating to the balance of trade for 1107 are accurate?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): They cannot be quite accurate because the tariff value differs from the market value.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member the method followed by the British Indian Government in regard to this?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I claim notice.

Persons trained in the Sri Mulam Technical School.

136. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many students have passed the Mechanical Fitter's Examination of the Sri Mulam Technical School, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether the students who have passed the examination are not to be appointed under the Director of Industries and in the P. W. D?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) 37.

(*b*) They will be preferred for appointment if suitable vacancies arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether any of them has applied for appointment in the Industrial Department or in the Public Works Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): In regard to the Industrial Department, there have been some applications.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether anybody has applied for appointment in the Public Works Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have no information, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): On a point of order. In the question it is definitely asked about the Public Works Department and can the Government put forward a member who cannot answer anything relating to the Public Works Department? In part (*b*) of the question, the Public Works Department is specifically mentioned and the Government member who is standing up and answering is ignorant about that department. Is it allowable?

PRESIDENT: He ought to be able to furnish that information.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I claim notice.

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